

**LUMPKIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**Dahlonega City Hall
465 Riley Road
Dahlonega, Georgia**

**May 17, 2007
7:00 P.M.**

As Amended

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gooch

II. INVOCATION

Reverend Jeff Ross
Dahlonega United Methodist Church

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IV. PRESENTATION

- Employee Awards
- Government Finance Officers Association – Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting FY-2005
- Bates Carter & Co. – 2006 Annual Audit Report

V. PROCLAMATIONS

- Older Americans Proclamation
- North Georgia College & State University (NGCSU) Residence Policy

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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- May 3, 2007 Special Called Meeting 8:45 a.m.
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- May 7, 2007 Special Called Meeting 11:00 a.m.

VII. REPORTS

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- Elected Officials

VIII. RESOLUTIONS

- 2007-26 Road Acceptance – Wild Azalea Trail and Flat Rock Pointe/Crystal Springs Subdivision
- 2007-27 Road Acceptance – Robin's Lane/Robin's Nest Subdivision
- 2007-28 Board Appointment Lumpkin County Library Board of Trustees
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X. OTHER ITEMS

- Public Hearing Sam Davis Road right-of-way change (set date)
- Road Abandonment Request – Portion of Sheep Wallow Road – Public Works
- Surface Water Complaint – Planning Dept.

XI. COMMENTS

- COUNTY MANAGER
- CHAIRMAN
- COMMISSIONER
- COUNTY ATTORNEY
- PUBLIC

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Future Meetings:
 - Work Session – City Hall
 - Board Meeting – City Hall
 - Work Session – City Hall
 - Board Meeting – City Hall

Jun. 07, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.
Jun. 21, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.
Jul. 05, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.
Jul. 19, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

XIII. ADJOURN

Chairman Gooch

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE LUMPKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 17, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gooch called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the council chamber of Dahlonega City Hall. Commissioners present were Stephen Gooch, John Raber, Deborah Hutcheson, Clarence Stowers and Clarence Grindle.

INVOCATION

The Reverend Jeff Ross of the Dahlonega United Methodist Church led the invocation. Commissioner Grindle then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Gooch requested that Employee Awards be moved to the first of the agenda.

Motion: Commissioner Stowers moved to approve the agenda and to include employee awards first. The motion was seconded by Deborah Hutcheson and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION

Employee Awards/Recognition

County Manager Stan Kelley explained how eligibility for the awards is determined. These awards are given to county employees who display exceptional qualities of performance and commitment. Nominees for employee of the year were recognized.

Matt Cook, Fire Department
Mike Davis, Road Department
Cindy Foley, Voter Registration Office
Scott Lashley, Fire Fighter/EMT of the Year
Mitch Salain, Sheriff's Office
Pam Stewart, Human Resources
Brenda White, E-911 Operator of the Year

The 2007 County Employee of the Year Award was then presented to Kimberly Pruitt, Voter Registrar and Election Supervisor.

Government Finance Officers Association – Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting FY-2005

This certificate is the highest form of recognition in the area of government accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. This is the fourth consecutive year this has been awarded to Lumpkin County.

Bates Carter & Co. – 2006 Annual Audit Report

Ms. Beth Grimes from Bates, Carter & Company provided a presentation of highlights concerning the County's 2006 Annual Financial Audit. Ms. Grimes will return for a work session to discuss findings and recommendations.

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PROCLAMATIONS

Older Americans Proclamation

Chairman Gooch read the proclamation urging all citizens to honor older adults, and those who care for them, during May and throughout the year, and proclaiming May 2007 to be Older Americans Month.

Motion: Commissioner Raber made a motion to approve this proclamation, which was seconded by Deborah Hutcheson. Commissioners Raber, Hutcheson, Stowers and Grindle approved the motion. Motion carried.

North Georgia College & State University (NGCSU) Residence Policy

Chairman Gooch read the proclamation supporting North Georgia College and State University in their efforts to enhance their residence policy for undergraduate students.

Motion: Commissioner Raber moved to approve the proclamation. The motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.

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Commissioner Raber requested several corrections to the April 19, 2007 Regular Meeting Minutes and the May 3, 2007 Work Session Notes.

Motion: Commissioner Raber made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. This motion was seconded by Deborah Hutcheson and approved by Commissioners Raber, Hutcheson and Grindle. Commissioner Stowers was opposed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Stowers said he is opposed to the motion because he thinks that if you hire someone to take minutes that the minutes should reflect what people say.

REPORTS

Department reports are on file in the Board of Commissioners Office
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RESOLUTIONS

2007-26 Road Acceptance – Wild Azalea Trail and Flat Rock Pointe/Crystal Springs Subdivision

The Lumpkin County Planning Director has recommended to the governing authority of Lumpkin County that the roads of Crystal Springs Subdivision, Phase II and Phase III have been developed in accordance with the plans approved by the planning office, that the condition of the roads has been found acceptable and the certificate of title has been found acceptable to the county attorney.

Road Name: Wild Azalea Trail
Road Name: Flat Rock Pointe

Right of Way Width: 60"
Right of Way Width: 60"

Length of Road: 850'
Length of Road: 375'

Motion: Commissioner Raber moved to accept these roads. This motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.

2007-27 Road Acceptance – Robin's Lane/Robin's Nest Subdivision

The Lumpkin County Planning Director has recommended to the governing authority of Lumpkin County that the road within Robin's Nest Subdivision has been developed in accordance with the plans approved by the planning office, that the condition of the road has been found acceptable and the certificate of title has been found acceptable to the county attorney.

Road Name: Robin's Lane Right of Way Width: 60" Length of Road: 2035'

Motion: Commissioner Stowers made a motion to accept this road, which was seconded by Deborah Hutcheson. Commissioners Raber, Hutcheson, Stowers and Grindle approved the motion. Motion carried.

2007-28 Board Appointment Lumpkin County Library Board of Trustees

This resolution appoints to the Lumpkin County Library Board of Trustees Elton "Tony" Buesing to Seat 8 and Elsa Ann Gaines to Seat 6 for terms ending June 30, 2011.

Motion: Commissioner Raber moved to approve the appointments. The motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.

2007-29 Board Appointment Lumpkin County Planning Commission

This resolution appoints to the Lumpkin County Planning Commission Bruce A. Georgia to Seat 4 for a term ending August 27, 2010.

Motion: Commissioner Raber made a motion to approve this appointment, which was seconded by Clarence Grindle. Commissioners Raber, Hutcheson, Stowers and Grindle approved the motion. Motion carried.

2007-30 Yahoola Creek Reservoir Property Study Committee

This resolution appoints members to the newly formed Yahoola Creek Reservoir Property Study Committee: Seat 1 Bob Allen, Seat 2 Marvin Martin, Seat 3 Phillip Norrell, Seat 4 Lyndal Caldwell, Seat 5 Butch Wilkins, Seat 6 John Gaston and Seat 7 Jennifer Herring for terms ending April 30, 2008.

Motion: Commissioner Hutcheson moved to approve the appointments. Clarence Grindle seconded this motion. All district commissioners approved the motion. Motion carried.

CONTRACTS

Georgia DNR Grant Extension – Phase 1 Yahoola Creek Trails System

This amendment to the grant retroactively extends the project period.

Total Funds: \$100,000.00

Grant Period: 12/31/2006 – 12/31/2007

Department of Transportation – Transit Contract Operation Budget

This is the agreement for transit operating assistance between the Department of Transportation, State of Georgia and Lumpkin County. Local budget estimate for the period 01/01/2007 – 06/30/2007 is \$22,910.00.

Legacy Link, Inc. /Area Agency on Aging – Local Share Commitment Letter FY-2008

The FY-2008 local share required by Legacy Link, Inc. from each county is \$7,450.00. These funds will be used by the Area Agency on Aging to match federal and state monies for administration, coordination, information and referral, employment and training of older workers, volunteer programs, help obtaining Medicare Prescription assistance, health assessments and community education in all counties.

Term: 07/01/2007 – 06/30/2008

Amount: \$7,450.00

Motion: Commissioner Raber made a motion to approve these contracts. The motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.

OTHER ITEMS

Sam Davis Road Right-of-Way Change

The county received a request to abandon a portion of the right-of-way along Sam Davis Road. Currently there is an eighty-foot (80) right-of-way and there has been a request to change the right-of-way to forty-feet (40).

Motion: Commissioner Hutcheson moved to reduce the right-of-way from 80 feet to 60 feet on Sam Davis Road. John Raber seconded the motion. Commissioners Raber, Hutcheson, Stowers and Grindle approved the motion. Motion carried.

The Board of Commissioner set a public hearing for 6:30 p.m. prior to the Regular Meeting on June 21, 2007.

Road Abandonment Request – Portion of Sheep Wallow Road – Public Works

Commissioner Hutcheson said that this road is in her district and she wants to go forward with the hearing.

Motion: Commissioner Hutcheson made a motion to abandon this road.

Following discussion it was determined that this matter will be discussed at the June Work Session. It is anticipated that the letter from the landowner should be received by then.

Commissioner Hutcheson withdrew her motion.

Surface Water Complaint – Planning Dept.

Larry Reiter briefed the commissioners on his report concerning water runoff from the Red Oak Flats County Shop. His conclusion was that the water runoff does not adversely affect the property in question, which is to the west side of the county property. He recommends that the Darlow's hire an engineer to determine how to reroute water flow away from their house. Reiter explained that what is acting as a detention pond on county property was not built for that purpose. Commissioner Stowers and Public Works Director Eddy Harris will view the property with the Darlow family to see if there is some simple solution.

Lumpkin County Judicial Center – King Evans, Clough Harbour & Associates LLP

King Evans of CHA reported on a meeting that occurred between CHA and the Citizens Committee. He said that CHA would present a report at the June Work Session concerning the two Citizens Committee plans and what the costs will be to implement each of those plans. Citizens Committee Spokesperson Jim Smulian then gave a report. Mr. Smulian said that the Citizens Committee wants to be on the June Work Session agenda.

Dr. Al Parker voiced his opinion concerning the present ball fields and what should be done concerning the proposed new judicial center. He asked the board not to vote for a vote but rather to vote for what is right for the children of Lumpkin County.

Dr. Patrick Connaro spoke and asked that a decision be made only after a reasoned, open, and considerate discussion among those interested.

J.B. Jones thanked the board for taking a second and third look for an alternative to the use of the ball fields as the location of the new judicial center.

COMMENTS

COUNTY MANAGER

The County Manager said he had no comments.

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CHAIRMAN

Chairman Gooch read a letter to Commissioner Mike Beatty with the Department of Community Affairs concerning a Community Development Block Grant application submitted by Lumpkin County for the construction of a new Health Department facility.

Motion: Commissioner Stowers made a motion to send the letter. Deborah Hutcheson seconded this motion. Commissioners Raber, Hutcheson, Stowers and Grindle approved the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Gooch announced a Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division meeting on stream buffers is scheduled at City Hall on Tuesday, May 22 at 6:00 p.m. He encouraged everyone with an interest to attend and said this is probably going to be the last meeting before the EPD acts.

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Raber spoke about his concern that the county develop an emergency water plan in the event of a drought. He stated that he is also concerned about the lack of job creation for our county. He mentioned that the DOT is planning a four-lane highway from Highway 136 to SR 400. He said his concern is that this four-lane road will be emptying into a two-lane road. Commissioner Raber then spoke of his concern about the lack of emergency craft and other plans and needs concerning the reservoir. Chairman Gooch said that the reservoir property committee would be discussed at the Work Session. Commissioner Raber said that he still is in favor of quality of life issues and said we must address these. He stated that he is concerned that we have not been meeting in joint meetings with the City of Dahlonega.

No other district commissioners wished to make comments.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

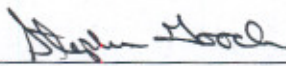
The County Attorney said he had no comments.

ADJOURN

There being no further business Chairman Gooch called for a motion to adjourn at 9:03 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Hutcheson moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by John Raber and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.

6/21/2007
Date



Stephen W. Gooch, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:



Ruth A. Bohac
Clerk, Lumpkin County